

Minutes of the Independence City Commission's June 30, 2016 Special Meeting.

The Independence City Commission met on June 30, 2016 at 5:30pm in the Veterans Room at Memorial Hall. Mayor Gary Hogsett, Commissioner Leonhard Caflisch, and Commissioner Fred Meier were present. Others present included:

City Staff

Micky Webb, City Manager
Jeff Chubb, City Attorney
Kelly Passauer, Assistant City Manager
Jennifer Rutledge, Director of Finance/City Clerk
Jerry Harrison, Police Chief
Dave Cowan, Public Safety Director
Terry Lybarger, Director of Utilities
Barb Beurskens, Park and Zoo Director
Mike Passauer, Public Works Director
Rusty Baker, Fire Chief

Visitors

Larry McHugh	Ranelle Rice
Jerry Bright	Aaron Cook
Debbie Miller	Pat Pomeroy
Daniel Turr	Wyatt Keal
Robert Meadows	Keith Matlock
Judi Harris	Christopher Moore
Ace Johnson	Ned Stichman
John Heckman	Dorcas Sutton
Charlotte Caflisch	Sean Clapp
Nathan Macy	Shaun Turner
Barry Beurskens	
Marcus Hamilton	

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Gary Hogsett.

Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America

Items for Commission Action

- a. Consider City Hall options and any related discussion and/or action [CITY EMPLOYEES/CITIZENS].

The Public Safety Director presented Option 6, as well as reduced cost estimates for Options number 4 and 6.

Debbie Miller asked the Mayor to address the Commission. He obliged. She stated that she wants City employees to have great working conditions and she is all about a tax increase with responsible

spending. The former Mercy Building has wide hallways, climate controlling them and cleaning them will cost more money because they are so wide. Let's do something that will put square footage to use. She would support spending money, if it makes sense.

The City Clerk presented the Commission with the statement from the recent bond issue that presented the City's available debt limit at \$11,745,813. She did tell the commission that she by no means intends to allow the City to use all of the debt limit to finance projects.

The Commission directed City Staff to find a facilitator and each commissioner will appoint 5 citizens to a community panel that will research and make a recommendation on the City Hall proposals.

- b. Consider providing direction to staff regarding proposed capital expenditures and any related discussion and/or action [CITY EMPLOYEES/CITIZENS].

City Department Heads presented their proposed expenditures for the Commission to consider before the next budget meeting.

The Commission set July 6th at 5:30 for the next meeting regarding budget.

- c. Consider discussion relating to the tax lid effective January 1, 2018 [CITIZENS].

The City Clerk explained the effects of the tax lid. Effective January 1, 2017, cities will be required to limit increases to the Consumer Price Index, with some exceptions. To exceed that limit will require a vote of the people.

- d. Consider authorizing City staff to negotiate a contract for a water/sewer utility rate study [CITIZENS].

Motion:

On the motion of Mayor Hogsett, seconded by Commissioner Meier, the commission approved the contract with Lochner for \$11,839.00.

Aye: Caflisch, Meier, Hogsett

Nay: None

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- e. Letters received and any related discussion and/or action [CITIZENS].

Adjournment

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Motion:

On the motion of Commissioner Meier, seconded by Mayor Hogsett, the commission adjourned the meeting.

Aye: Caflisch, Meier, Hogsett

Nay: None



Gary Hogsett, Mayor

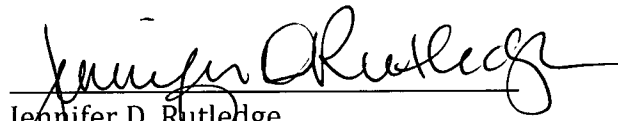


Leonhard Caflisch, Commissioner



Fred Meier, Commissioner

Attest:



Jennifer D. Rutledge
Director of Finance/City Clerk

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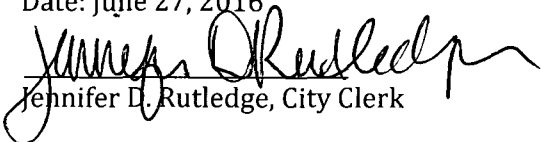
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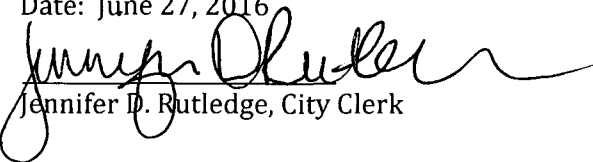
Date: June 27, 2016


Jennifer D. Rutledge, City Clerk

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE OF NOTICE

I, Jennifer D. Rutledge, the duly appointed, qualified and acting City Clerk of the City of Independence, do hereby certify that on this 27th day of June, 2016, I served a true copy of the Notice of Special Meeting on each and every member of the Board of Commissioners of the City of Independence in the manner provided by law.

Date: June 27, 2016


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WAIVER OF REGULAR NOTICE OF AND CONSENT TO SPECIAL MEETING

We, the undersigned members of the Board of Commissioners of the City of Independence do hereby accept service of the notice of special meeting waiving any and all irregularities in such service and in such notice and consent and agree that the said members of said Board of Commissioners shall meet at the time and place named in such notice and for the purpose stated therein.

Mayor

Commissioner

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**Overview of the Tax Lid Legislation
(Senate Substitute for House Bill 2088)**

- Implementation Date – January 1, 2017.
- Rate of growth of property tax for cities/counties limited to five-year rolling average of the Consumer Price Index (CPI). Growth rate shall not be less than 0%.
- Election to override tax lid can be conducted at the next regularly scheduled election in August or November, a special election, or a mail ballot election. The mail ballot election shall be conducted on September 15, unless that date is a Sunday. The mail ballot election statute is modified to allow a city and county to conduct a mail ballot election on the same day.
- The bill provides new key dates for municipalities: Director of PVD and county appraisers certify the assessed valuation to the county clerk by June 1. County clerks provide estimated assessed valuations to taxing districts before June 15. A city or county deciding to conduct an election using a mail ballot election must certify that an election is necessary to the county clerk no later than July 1. If a mail ballot election is called, the governing body certifies the amount of ad valorem tax to be levied to the county clerk by October 1.
- Revenue excluded from calculating the tax lid comprises
 - New structures or improvements or remodeling or renovation of any existing structures or improvements that do not include ordinary maintenance or repair of existing structures or improvements,
 - Increased personal property valuation,
 - Property located within added territory, and
 - Property which has changed in use.
- Expenditures exempted from the tax lid:
 - Bond and interest payments.
 - Principal and interest on state infrastructure loans, bonds, temporary notes, and no fund warrants. Payments to a public building commission or lease payments for only those obligations that existed prior to the effective date of the law (July 1, 2016).
 - Payment of special assessments.

- Court judgments or settlements of legal actions against the city or county, and those legal costs directly related to such judgments and settlements.
- Expenditures that are mandated by federal or state law with such mandates becoming effective on or after July 1, 2015.
- Expiration of a property tax abatement.
- Expiration of a tax increment financing district, rural housing incentive district, neighborhood revitalization area or other property tax rebate program.
- Expenses relating to a federal, state or local disaster or federal, state or local emergency, including a financial emergency, declared by a federal or state official. The board of county commissioners may request the governor declare such disaster or emergency.
- Increased costs above the CPI for law enforcement, fire protection or emergency medical services. Any increased property tax revenue generated for law enforcement, fire protection or EMS shall be expended exclusively for these purposes and shall not be used for the construction or remodeling of buildings.
- Property taxes levied by a subordinate government if the city or county does not have the authority to modify the tax levy of the subordinate body.
- Loss of federal funding after January 1, 2017 where the local government is contractually obligated to provide a service.
- The property tax revenues levied by the city or county have declined in one or more of the preceding three calendar years and the increase in the amount of funding for the budget does not exceed the average amount of funding from such revenue for the preceding three calendar years, adjusted to reflect the change in CPI.
- Loss of assessed valuation due to legislative action, judicial action or a BOTA ruling as written in current statutory law.

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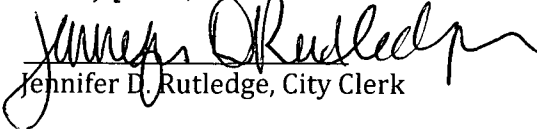
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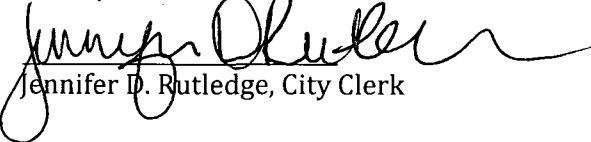
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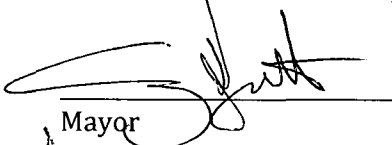
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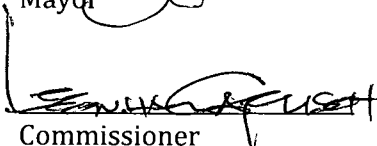

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Mayor


Commissioner


Commissioner

Attendance Sheet

Independence City Commission Meeting

June 30, 2016

PLEASE PRINT

Name	Address
1 Jerry Bright	201 S 13 th
2 Robbie Miller	Box 571, City
3 DANIEL TURN	102 St 1st
4 Robert Meadows	3893 S. 4100 ST Indep Ks,
5 Sud. Harris	
6 Ace Johnson	PO Box 763 Indep
7 John Heckman	2620 N. Penn Ave.
8 Charlotte Cafilisch	600 S. 5 th
9 Nathan May	916 E main
10 Barry Bensken	4357 CR 5800 INDY
11 Marcus Hamilton	
12 Lanelle Rizo	
13 Aaron Cook	
14 Pat Pomeroy	
15 Wyatt Keal	
16 Keith Matlock	
17 Christopher Meron	
18 NED STICKMAN	

19 Donatus Swen

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